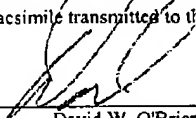


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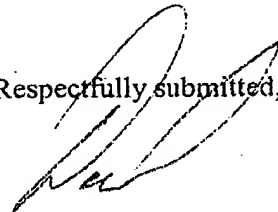
REMARKS

This paper is responsive to a final Office action dated August 10, 2004. Claims 1-15 and 23-30 were examined. Claims 1-15, 23, 24, 29 and 30 are allowed, and claim 26 has been indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 26 has been amended accordingly and claims 27 and 28 now depend from allowable claim 26. Claim 25 is cancelled.

All claims are believed to be allowable over the art of record, and a Notice of Allowance to that effect is respectfully solicited. Nonetheless, if any issues remain that could be more efficiently handled by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

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